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TOPIC	1. Polish Tank Troops in Stuhm 2. Polish Troops in Stettin, Badstube and Altdamm 3. Polish Tank [] in Stolp		
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1. Prior to mid-November 1953, the former Nationalpolitische Erziehungsanstalt (National Socialist boarding school) in Stuhm (Q 54/D 77), immediately east of the railroad station, quartered about 400 Polish soldiers. About 50 percent of the enlisted men wore blue-gray uniforms and the remainder khaki uniforms. Most of the officers wore blue-gray uniforms with black collar patches and black cap bands. The billets were occupied to capacity only during the winter months. During this period, groups of 20 to 30 soldiers with packs, who were apparently exchanged against soldiers stationed at the former Nationalpolitische Erziehungsanstalt (Napola) arrived at the Stuhm railroad station every three or four weeks. The arriving and departing soldiers carried rifles or submachine guns. On the occasion of the entraining of troops at the Stuhm railroad station in 1953, source observed 10 T-34 tanks mounting guns without muzzle brakes and 4 four-wheeled armored cars with turrets which presumably were revolving and mounted one large-caliber machine gun each. The hulls of the latter vehicles consisted of slanting armor. From 15 to 20 sidocar motorcycles and about 7 trucks were entrained on the same occasion. Source also observed weapons and vehicles of the same models in the area of the former Napola. 1
- Training with armored vehicles was hardly observed at Stuhm. The soldiers left the installation either on foot or riding on motorcycles or trucks. From 30 to 50 soldiers frequently received infantry training on the small training ground which adjoined the installation to the north. A fuel depot, which served military requirements and was guarded by a sentry wearing a blue-gray uniform, was located in the southwestern corner of the billeting area in the former Napola. The depot included two underground fuel tanks, each of which was about 5 meters long and about 1.80 meters in diameter. Another larger underground fuel depot, which served civilian needs, was located directly west of the tracks at the railroad station, about 300 meters northnorthwest of the station building. 2

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2. In 1951 and 1952, soldiers had established an ammunition depot in the area of the Stuhm - Deutsch Damerau (Q 54/D 87) road. The road to this installation branched off at Antonienhof, 3 km. northeast of the Stuhm railroad station. The ammunition arriving at the railroad station was trucked to this depot.

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3. Prior to October 1953, Polish soldiers in blue-gray uniforms, who wore service caps with black cap bands with their dress uniforms, were observed in the former Neue Artilleriekaserne on the north side of ul. Ku Sioncu in Stettin (O 54/Q 55).

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[redacted] these billets quartered Polish tank troops. Source himself observed no tanks in the area of the installation proper, which was heavily occupied. Tanks with Polish nationality markings, however, were occasionally observed in the city. 3

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4. Source knew that the badly damaged installations of the former Train Kaserne in Altdamm (O 54/Q 65) had been reconstructed since about the summer of 1950. Construction activities still continued in 1951, but source was unable to furnish information on the completion and occupation of the installation, which was located immediately south of the Stettin - Altdamm - Stargard (O 54/Q 85) railroad line, about 500 meters east of the Altdamm railroad station. Source knew that the former Neue Artillerie Kaserne was located near Dammescher See (Lake Damm) in the northern sector of Altdamm, but details on the status of the installation were unknown to him. He observed Polish soldiers with red cap bands in Altdamm. 4

5. Prior to early October 1953, Polish engineer soldiers were observed in the former Pionier Kaserne, immediately east of the Podeluch (O 54/Q 55) railroad station. Local residents said that the installation quartered a complete regiment. Source observed six-wheeled trucks and pontons resting on thick beams with their keels pointing upward. A far greater number of such pontons, an estimated 30 to 40 units, were stored on the former riverside training ground west of the railroad station, between the railroad line and the bank of the Oder River. Items stored at this site until October 1953 also included planks, square beams, and prefabricated bridge sections. 5

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6. Prior to September 1953, Polish tanks were observed in the area east of Stoep (P 55/N 08).

[redacted] The tanks belonged to the troops quartered in the newly constructed barracks installation on the eastern perimeter of the city, on the north side of the road to Gumbin (P 55/N 08). 6

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1. Comment. The tank unit quartered in the former Napola was mentioned in several previous reports. As a previous report mentioned a total of 80 motorcycles in February 1952, it is believed that the unit is a reconnaissance battalion. The unit is presumably subordinate to the 16th Mech Div.

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2. Comment. The existence of the fuel depot at the railroad station was mentioned previously.

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3. [] Comment. Since early 1952 several reports had mentioned the tank unit in this installation. []
The unit presumably is the tank SP regiment of the 12th Inf Div. In January 1954, the former AAA Barracks on Mickiewicza street allegedly also quartered Polish tank troops. []
It is doubted, however, that two tank units are stationed at Stetlin

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4. [] Comment. Previous information indicates that the signal battalion of the 12th Inf Div is stationed at Altdamm.

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5. [] Comment. Engineer troops in Podesuch were mentioned in a previous report. The 5th Engr Regt is carried at this post.

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6. [] Comment. The tank unit in Stolp, which is the 9th Tank Regt, was mentioned in a previous report. []

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